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TAGS: MILI, NE
SUBJECT: SECDEF PLANS TO INVITE VREDELING TO WASHINGTON

REF: SUNDBERG-LLOYD (DOD) TELECON JULY 16

1. (C) PER REFERENCED TELECON, SECDEF PLANS ON INVITING A NUMBER OF DEFENSE MINISTERS TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR PERSONAL TALKS, INCLUDING DUTCH MINISTER OF DEFENSE VREDELING. SECDEF HAS ALREADY MET NORWEGIAN AND BELGIAN MOD'S WHO WERE IN WASHINGTON FOR SACLANT SEA POWER SYMPOSIUM. THIS WEEK HE MEETS WITH FRG MOD LEBER AND EARLY IN AUGUST HE WILL SEE UK'S CARRINGTON. DANISH MOD OLESEN HAS ACCEPTED FOR SEPTEMBER 10 AND INVITATION IS BEING EXTENDED TO ITALIAN MOD TANASSI FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3. FORMAT FOR TALKS WILL BE FOR ONE FULL DAY OF INFORMAL MEETINGS OF PRINCIPALS AND SENIOR STAFF REPRE-SENTATIVES, POSSIBLY OUTSIDE OF THE PENTAGON BUT IN WASHINGTON AREA. INVITATION CAN INCLUDE PROPOSAL TO ARRANGE ADDITIONAL PROGRAM OF VISITS TO THE US DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENTS IF VREDELING DESIRES. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM US WOULD BE DUTCH RESPONSIBILITY. DOD WILL
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2. (C) IT IS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY INFORMALLY SOUND OUT MOD ON HIS REACTION TO POSSIBLE INVITATION FOR DATE DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 13 OR 20 (EXCEPTING AUGUST 20

ITSELF).

3. (U) DOD CONCURS. RUSH

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